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In re Application of: Alain Yang et al.

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For: INSULATION PRODUCT HAVING BICOMPONENT FIBER FACING LAYER  
AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 CFR. § 1.56 in connection with the above-identified application, which statement is being filed:

- Together with the present application.
- Before the first Office Action on the merits or three (3) months from the filing date of this application, whichever occurs last. [37 CFR § 1.97(b)]
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Consistent with Applicant's obligations pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, the following requirements have been met:

[X] No separate requirements are needed.

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The fee of \$180.00 for submission of an IDS under § 1.97(c) as set forth in § 1.17(p) accompanies this statement.

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[x] A copy of each of the non-U.S. patent references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith and forms a part hereof.

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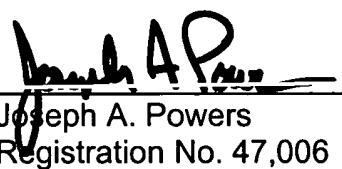
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- This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior U.S. Application No(s). The following references were submitted to, and/or cited by, the Office in the prior application(s) and therefore are not required to be provided in this application:
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1679. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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